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RE: **JOINT MOTION** of Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation, Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. and the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff to Temporarily Suspend (Waive) Establishment of Credit Requirements for Evacuees of Hurricane Katrina

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Pursuant to S.C. Code of Regulations Section 103-301(1976, as amended), Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation ("Duke Power"), Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. ("Progress"), and the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") jointly request the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for approval for Duke Power and Progress to suspend the customer deposit requirements contained in S.C. Code of Regulations Section 103-331 (1976, as amended) for evacuees of Hurricane Katrina, as being in the public interest.

Please consider this letter as our Joint Motion.

Due to the unprecedented nature of the natural disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina and in an effort to assist the large number of evacuees that have been forced to relocate to new communities, including those in South Carolina, Duke Power, and Progress propose to suspend these requirements through December 31, 2005, for applicants for electric service who have suffered catastrophic loss as a result of Hurricane Katrina and are relocating from an area that has been declared a Disaster Area for Individual Assistance by Presidential declaration.

These areas consist of counties and parishes in Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama and are identified by Federal Energy Management Administration designations FEMA-1602-DR, FEMA-1603-DR, FEMA-1604-DR and FEMA-1605-DR. Duke Power, Progress and ORS further propose that for customers for whom Duke Power and Progress have waived the deposit requirement, the Companies may review these accounts for months following connection and require the customers to establish credit under Section 103-331(1976, as amended), which could include payment of a deposit, if such customers have established an unsatisfactory payment pattern.

Duke Power, Progress and ORS respectfully request that the Commission grant this request on an expedited basis as Duke Power, and Progress are currently receiving applications for electric service from evacuees. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

We have reviewed the relief sought, find the relief sought in the public interest, and join in this Motion.

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